



Portrait and Signature of Pope Leo XIII.

## POPE LEO XIII.

A Pen Picture of the Great Pontiff of the Catholic Church Who Has Just Passed Away.

**M**ARCH 10, 1810, Countess Pecci, daughter of a noble family of Siena, gave birth to a son, who was destined to play one of the most important roles in the world's history—to become the "Lumen in caelo" which St. Malachi in the eleventh century predicted would rise after him, who had borne "Crux de cruce," and papacy should be almost crushed to the earth. Surely he has filled a luminous page in the history of the Catholic Church.

His mother bore the name of the mother of the Virgin—the boy she gave the name of the Virgin's father—Joachim, like Joseph and Mary, sweet familiar names in Catholic countries.

Born and reared among the Volscian hills, he was a robust, sturdy boy. At the age of 11 he contracted a serious illness, which left him the frail, delicate being he was ever after. When 27 he was threatened with consumption. He made his will—before he died, every legate was numbered with the dead. He gave early promise of being great. In his first vacation from school he expressed to his father a desire to read and write like St. Thomas Aquinas—and "I," said the father to his wife, sighing, "wished to make a general of him." "Ah, well!" answered Countess Anne, "you can make a



The Village of Carpineto, the Birthplace of Leo

pope of him. Let Joachim be pope and Joseph cardinal and you can be tranquilly to the future of our boys." On the last day of the year 1837, 13 years after the death of his much-loved mother, he was ordained to the priesthood.

Gregory XVI. appointed him governor of Benevento—a most difficult position. He was not only obliged to cope with political conspirators, but also with well-organized bands of desperate men, given over to brigandage and smuggling—a position in which older and more experienced men had been baffled and retired. Three days after reaching his post he was stricken with typhoid fever. The best medical skill was summoned from Naples and pronounced the case hopeless. The frail body, weak with anemic fever, triumphed over disease and death. In his convalescent state, he began his battle, bearing harder on the rich than on the poor. Soon the Beneventine saw with joy and surprise the most dreaded chief with his hand led in chains to prison. Conspiretors found it unsafe to hatch plots where Gov. Pecci ruled and sought an asylum elsewhere. In three years the reign of law, with order and peace, was established. Pope Gregory recalled him to fill a more important post.

Perugia was the seat of popular discontent; thither Gregory sent the successful young diplomat. Again he was successful, so successful that there came a time when the prisons of Perugia did not hold a single criminal.

There were educational disputes in Belgium; indeed all the affairs of the church were disordered. Gregory again turned to Mgr. Pecci to smooth difficulties and bring order out of chaos. He went as a nuncio to Brussels—a post he filled with credit to himself, the church, the Belgian court and people. It was King Leopold's verdict that he was as clever a politician as he was an excellent churchman.

Before his return to Rome he visited London and Paris, and was received by Victoria, Prince Albert and Louis Philippe, to whom he had been warmly recommended by Leo-pold.

Death had claimed the bishop of Perugia. The hearts of the people and the clergy turned to him, who had endeavored himself to them in his brief sojourn as governor. The pope acceded to their wishes, but intended first to bestow the red hat. When the nuncio reached Rome Gregory lay dying.

His successor, Pius IX., confirmed the appointment. For 32 years Leo filled this pastoral mission. Pius was not unimpaired of Gregory's design for his promotion, but political troubles which crowded all the years of Pius' pontificate, delayed for six years the insignia of the red hat.

## EXODUS OF PRAIRIE DOGS.

Train of Overland "Schooners" Brought to a Halt by Myriads on the Move.

Every now and then one hears about invasions of grasshoppers that stop railroad trains. The old yarn was being repeated the other night on the way down to the Atlantic Highlands, when a skeptic put in his unbelief, relates the New York Sun.

"I have been through several grasshopper epidemics," he said, "and I never saw such things. But I did encounter an exodus of prairie dogs once on what was then a prairie in Nebraska that held up a long emigrant train for a day and a night."

"It was during the rush for Pike's Peak. It was no unusual sight to see miles and miles of covered wagons winding their way like an army toward what was supposed to be the better land."

"We had been out about two weeks from Omaha when one of the advance guard hurried back along the line with the information that a drove of prairie dogs was crossing the road a mile or so ahead, and that they were so numerous that the van guard of the prairie schooners had been stopped. A temporary halt was made."

"No one supposed it would be of long duration, but, darkness coming on, we rounded up for the night. The next morning the line did not move forward, nor did it gain an inch all day."

"Then a few of us mounted our horses and rode forward to reconnoiter. When we got within a quarter of a mile of the head of the line, we looked forward. The face of the earth was in motion."

"As far as the vision extended, north and south, it was the same. They were moving from the north to the south—the prairie dogs were. They were so close together you couldn't have tossed your hat between them. They did not seem to be panic-stricken, but just moved on and on like a great cloud."

"It was the strangest sight I ever saw. Old plainmen said they never saw anything like it. When they were first seen we turned the dogs in the train loose upon them, but the dogs soon gave out. Maybe there is some sort of affinity between domestic dogs and prairie dogs which prompted the former to strike when it came to exterminating their species."

"Anyhow, the domestic dogs just gave up the job. As for shooting the brown little rascals, that would have been folly. We hadn't the ammunition."

"The last night of the great exodus everybody, tired out with watching it, gave up the job and sought rest wherever it could be found. The next day there wasn't a prairie dog in sight. We resumed our journey. As we neared our destination, and the long line of prairie schooners began to disintegrate, men had something else to think about, and the sight was forgotten, I suppose."

"But I never forgot it, and now and then occasionally I have met some one who also saw the sight, and as I knew they were men who never drank or dreamed, I satisfied myself that I was not mistaken in what I saw. I reckon it was the grand army of prairie dogs looking for places to burrow. I know where some of them located, but where the devil did they come from?"

**Pewter a Rare Metal.**

At the beginning of the sixteenth century, pewter was so rare in England as to be hired by the year for noblemen's houses, and even during the reign of Elizabeth was a very costly material. Gremio, in "The Taming of the Shrew," alludes to it as one of the important articles of housekeeping in his city mansion. Before the invention of carpets the rooms were spread with rushes, even in the noblest mansions, and Shakespeare has many allusions to this old custom in words put in the mouths of Iachimo, Glendower and Romeo.

**A Better Way.**

"Do you think it's wrong for a girl to permit a man to kiss her?" he asked.

"Well," she replied, "I think it's a good deal better for the man not to wait to get permission."—Chicago Post.

**A Tragedy.**

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—Brooklyn Life.

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Native heifers	2.50 @ 4.25
Western steers	2.10 @ 4.10
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SHEEP	3.25 @ 4.25
WHEAT—No. 2 hard	72 1/2 @ 73 1/2
Do. 3	72 1/2 @ 73 1/2
CORN—No. 2 mixed	46 @ 48
OATS—No. 2 mixed	31 @ 35
RYE	40 @ 42
BUTTER—Fancy extra	16 @ 18
EGGS	11 1/2 @ 12 1/2
CHEESE—Full cream	10 @ 10 1/2
POTATOES—New	50 @ 60
ST. LOUIS.	
CATTLE—Beef steers	4.00 @ 5.25
Texes steers	2.00 @ 3.00
HOGS—Packers	6 @ 6 1/2
SHEEP—Native	3.50 @ 4.25
FLOUR—Hard winter pat.	3.20 @ 3.40
WHEAT—No. 2 red	72 @ 73
CORN—No. 2	46 @ 48
OATS—No. 2	31 @ 35
RYE	40 @ 42
BUTTER—Creamery	15 @ 16
CORN MEAL	7 @ 8
EACON	8 1/2 @ 9 1/2
CHICAGO.	
CATTLE—Beef steers	4.25 @ 5.65
HOGS—Mixed and butchers	5.25 @ 6.25
SHEEP—Western	2.25 @ 4.25
FLOUR—Winter patents	3.25 @ 3.50
WHEAT—No. 2 red	72 1/2 @ 73 1/2
CORN—No. 2	50 1/2 @ 52 1/2
OATS—No. 2	32 @ 35
RYE—July	38 @ 39 1/2
LARD—September	7 1/2 @ 8 1/2
PORK—July	13 1/2 @ 14 1/2
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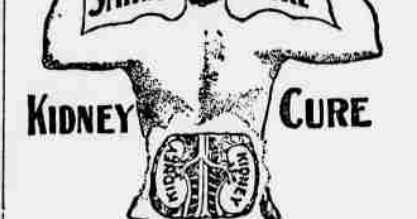
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